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Amendments to Specification

Page 1, lines 2-5:

This invention relates to a fuel cell power plant having <u>batteries or</u> a bank of super capacitors connected electrically in parallel with the fuel cell stack, thereby to provide energy for increased load transients and to absorb energy during decrease load transients.

Page 4, lines 10-15:

According to the present invention, the electrical output of a fuel cell power plant is controlled, either through actively controlled switching, with voltage conversion, or directly and passively, by an electrical storage bank, such as a bank of supercapacitors or batteries. The bank of supercapacitors or batteries is connected between the fuel cell stack and the output power conditioning system that feeds the load.

Page 9, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following new paragraph:

Fig. 4 illustrates that the electric energy storage device may comprise a bank of batteries 10A.

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